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## This Week in Wabash

Hello, Wabash,

In the past few weeks I've been highlighting more traditional ways of getting in touch with the Plain Dealer to either let us know about <u>an upcoming community event</u> or <u>contribute to our Opinion</u> page.

This week, I'd like to highlight our social media pages.

If you're active on Facebook, why not join the over 6,500 other readers who have already liked us on there? We always try to pick one story from the new edition to highlight. In addition, we often post job postings, sports stories, breaking news, contests and much more. Last winter, we even had a few posts asking for photos of your children and pets enjoying the newly-fallen snow. Some of the best ones ended up in the paper.

Or, if Facebook isn't your speed, give <u>our Twitter page</u> a try. At just over 1,200 followers, we're not quite as popping on the bird site as we are on Facebook, but we still post regularly and we'd love to have you.

If you have something more private to share, you can use the direct message features on both these sites. This is a great option if you're looking to connect with us directly. But, please, if you have an event or something to submit for the Opinion page, please send that directly by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com along with any high-quality photos.

Personally, I have always had a conflicted relationship with social media. On the one hand, I think it's a great tool for instantly connecting with a large group of far-flung acquaintances. On the other hand, I think it encourages us to only show the most attractive versions of our lives and contributes to burning jealousies of those who feel like the messiness of real-life can't compare to this well-curated, highly-constructed version of reality. However, I want to connect with our readers using Twitter and Facebook because that's where so many people turn to for news and information anyway. Our experiences on these sites are only as good as what we put into them, so let's work together to make it a great experience for us all.

And, now, if you'll excuse me I have a story to post to Twitter and Facebook. Until next week, take care.

Best,

Rob



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